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January 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with members of his Cabinet.

In the afternoon, the President hosted a reception for Members of Congress and their spouses.

January 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he and Vice President Dick Cheney had a teleconference with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany.

In the evening, the President had dinner with Chancellor Merkel.

The President announced his intention to nominate P. Robert Fannin to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas Menarchik to be Assistant Administrator (Europe and Eurasia) of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Raymond Steiger to be Ambassador to Mozambique.

The President announced his intention to nominate Howard Charles Weizmann to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bradley Udall to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The President announced his intention to accord the personal rank of Ambassador to Richard M. Russell during his tenure as the U.S. Representative to the World Radio Communication Conference.

January 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate John D. Negroponte to be Deputy Secretary of the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Michael McConnell to be Director of National Intelligence.

The President announced his intention to designate Thomas P. D'Agostino as Acting Under Secretary for Nuclear Security of the National Nuclear Security Administration at the Department of Energy.

The President announced that he has named Mark D. Pfeifle as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications and Global Outreach.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released January 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Fact sheet: A Balanced Budget by 2012 & Earmark Reform

Released January 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Released January 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Fact sheet: Job Creation Continues—More Than 7.2 Million Jobs Created Since August 2003

Fact sheet: John Negroponte and Mike McConnell: The Right Choices for Deputy Secretary of State and Director of National Intelligence

Acts Approved by the President

Approved December 29 *

H.R. 5782 / Public Law 109–468
Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006

H.R. 6344 / Public Law 109–469
Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006

* These Public Laws were not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.